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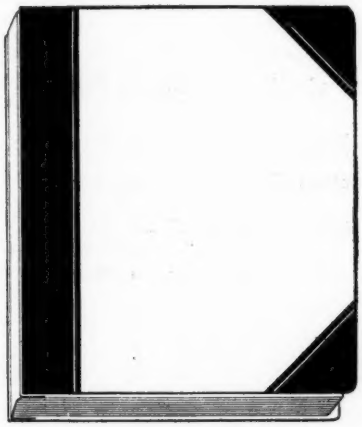

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"Entered as second-class matter March 13, 1929, at the post office at Columbus, Ohio, under the Act of March 3, 1879."

Stamp News This Week

By the time this paper reaches our readers most of them will have obtained their copies of the new Maryland Tercentenary stamps. We were able last week to flash the information based on an announcement by Third Assistant Postmaster General C. B. Eilenberger, that the new stamp would be printed in red and that the original printing would be fifty million stamps from the flat bed presses.

This of course means that the stamps will be issued in panes of 100, with the customary two straight edges and plate numbers probably at top or bottom of the sheets, only, or rather we should say at the right or left edges as these stamps are to be of the horizontal types, same as the NRA stamp.

It would be a simple matter for the bureau to eliminate the straight edges on the Flat Plate Printings by laying out the plates in the same manner as for Rotary Press Printings and perforating all around and cutting in the white gutters between sheets.

The printing of the new Maryland Stamp was started shortly after noon on March 14th.

While no definite decision has been made at this time, it is rumored that the selection of the design for the Mother's Day Stamp leans very favorably toward the famous Whistler painting, "My Mother."

James Abbott McNeill Whistler (1834-1903). An American painter and etcher, was born at Lowell, Mass., July 10, 1834. Since 1859 Whistler resided mostly in London, where most of his work was first shown, and it is for this reason that many people think him an English artist.

There could probably be no better selection of a design for the forthcoming Mother's Day stamp than this world famous painting. Famous paintings have been the subject for postage stamps in many foreign countries, notably the stamps of Holland, which show a Rembrandt painting.

Let us hope therefore that if this beautiful painting is chosen for our Mother's Day stamp that the picture will not be marred by having the necessary wording or figures shown within the frame of the painting. The necessary wording can be shown above and below the portrait and the beauty of both the stamp and picture be unimpaired.

Stamp collectors at Nyack, N. Y., organized the Rockland County Philatelic Society on March 2. Meetings will be held at the Nyack Y. M. C. A. on the first and third Friday evening each month. Dues only sufficient to pay cost of postage for the secretary will be assessed and all collectors in the vicinity are invited.

The Julian Dubuque Stamp Club was organized February 8 at Dubuque, Iowa. It now has more than thirty members, meets on the second and fourth Wednesday each month in the club rooms in the Dubuque Y. M. C. A. All stamp collectors of Dubuque or nearby are invited to attend the meetings. Those wishing to contact the club can address the secretary, Mr. E. A. Staudacher, 412 W. Locust St., Dubuque, Iowa.

The Coopersville Philatelic Association is the name of a new stamp club in Coopersville, Michigan. C. E. Ingraham is president and Ruby H. Bennett, secretary. The club started with ten members and holds meetings monthly.

Henry Howard Marx of Cottonwood, Calif., states that California collectors are planning to urge the

government to picture our national parks on postage stamps. Movements of this sort have been made from time to time, and prior to the announcement of the forthcoming Presidential set it was current talk that such a pictorial set would be forthcoming. Personally, we believe such a set would be far more popular than the set now promised.

In announcing the removal of R. H. Mower to a new address in San Francisco, we erred in stating the Los Angeles store would be closed. Mr. Mower writes that the Los Angeles store has been a very successful one and that it is to be continued as on the past, while the two stores formerly operated in San Francisco are to be merged at the new address, 636 Market Street.

A new use for Mission Mixtures has been suggested by F. Vernon Smith of Indianapolis. Mr. Smith, who is interested in Boy Scout work, tells of using a mission mixture as a trail in his Scout work, with a troop at the Indianapolis Orphans' Home. "And did they have a picnic," says Mr. Smith. "It killed two birds with one stone, only advise the party laying the trail to make tracks as some of the bunch of Scouts will catch up with the trail layer. It is great fun. Try it."

Surely a novel idea, and one that ought to make a lot of stamp collectors out of any Scout troop.

A historical cachet of much interest is the 50th anniversary cachet of the first fast mail train in the west. This is sent out by the Burlington Route. A handsome printed card with a brief story of the origin of railway mail service and also a handstamped cachet on a cover comes from Mr. F. Vernon Smith. The card and cover were posted on the train going from Chicago to Omaha.

Beaver Falls Meet

The Beaver County Philatelic Society will hold its second annual banquet and exhibit Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8, in the General Brodhead Hotel, Beaver Falls, Pa. Stamp collectors from Pennsylvania and neighboring states are invited to attend.

There will be 100 frames of stamps and covers on exhibit, with the display and bourse opening at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. For the lady guests who are not interested in "talking stamps all day" there will be a card party, with prizes. The banquet will take place Saturday evening, with the assessment $1.25 a plate. A surprise program will include a short, snappy auction, after the dinner.

The bourse and exhibit will continue all day Sunday.

The Visiting Firemen of Philately, organized at Beaver County's party last year, will celebrate its first anniversary in connection with the open house.

Banquet and bourse reservations may be made with the general chairman, L. W. McDanel, Box 165, Beaver Falls, Pa.

Wants Dummy Stamps

Mr. Scott Nixon, a reader of Atlanta, Ga., suggests the use of dummy stamps for cover collectors. Mr. Nixon feels that it would be a good plan to have some manufacturer supply several different sized dummy stamps, plain bits of colored paper of different kinds, perforated like stamps and with the printed wording on their face "ON COVER." Mr. Nixon believes that these would be desirable to collectors for placing in their albums in the place of the actual stamp in all instances where the stamp is owned on cover, especially for the benefit of collectors who do not feel that they can afford to purchase certain stamps both on and off cover, stamps such as the later Zeppelin Air Mail, etc.

The publishers would be interested in hearing from all collectors to whom such an idea would appeal.

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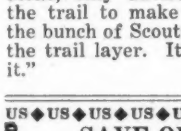

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Don Grieve, columnist of the Pee Dee, has been selected as the "Big Bucket," with other well-known Cleveland collectors holding lesser offices. Bill Preston, as Alarm Sounder. It is stated Louis Hanford is working on a fire preventive for "Embyro Firemen" that will take the chilly blasts from the ears of an Esquimox. Full sound effects furnished by the candidates.

Public installation of officers, in which the Chief Firemen are expected to take part. Chief R. R. Dickson of Pittsburgh, Pa., announces there will be one of the best displays of "Fire Apparatus" ever assembled by the Visiting Firemen. All members are urged to be present.

April 7 and 8th at Beaver Falls, Pa.: the first annual election of officers and reunion will be staged by the Beaver County Philatelic Society in conjunction with their anniversary meeting. It is expected to have a large attendance at this meeting, election of officers for 1934-35 will be the main part of the programme, with a review of the first year of this select philatelic groups activities. Assistant Chief Walter Poppenger of Akron will act as master of ceremonies. Grab your helmet and be there.

Want Some Navy Covers?

Mr. Harold P. Faust of Greensboro, N. C., sends some hot information for those interested in naval cancellations. Four United States destroyers, the U.S.S. Brooks, U.S.S. Hatfield, U.S.S. King and U.S.S Kane will enter reduced commission on April 1st. There will be special postal markings on both the Brooks and Hatfield and possibly on the other two boats. Two chances to get interesting covers.

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The answers to my questionnaire showed the following tabulations:

1. The largest club has about 55 enrolled members while the smallest one reporting has only 11. The average membership of all the clubs was 28.

2-3. In most cases there was no age restriction but the concensus of opinion showed that it was best to divide the members into two age groups; especially if there were many members. Fourteen seems to be the dividing age in most cases.

4-5. Most of the clubs reporting were sponsored by individuals, some by schools and a few by Philatelic Clubs.

6. Most clubs meet once a week, while others meet every two weeks. I would like to add a suggestion at this point, for those who wish to start a club or increase the activity of one already started. First meet once each week if possible as it holds interest a little more and second, hold your meeting in the early evening you will get a much better attendance.

7. Most clubs have no dues. When a club charged dues the amount was about ten cents a year, enough to buy a catalog and subscribe to one stamp magazine.

8. About the only source of income came from the organizer's pocket in most cases. However a few clubs hold auctions from which a small percentage is claimed and one club fined the members if they were unavoidably absent or tardy. My next article for Linn's will give a few methods for obtaining the necessary money to carry on a club.

9. Most Clubs sponsor an exhibit and with quite a good deal of success.

10-11. Prizes are awarded in the form of stamps donated by adult collectors.

12. Most club leaders encourage the members to sell the club and stamp collecting to other boys of the community. The newspaper is also used to encourage boys and girls to take up stamp collecting as a hobby and to inform the public as to the activity of the club.

13. Every club that I heard from were reading from one to three stamp publications. Those who wrote say, "They are enjoyed very much."

14. I received many good ideas that I have put in practice during the past weeks and I have found them to be quite successful so I will pass them on. Of course most of us encourage trading at each meeting which is always very popular with the younger collectors as well as the older ones, however I would like to add this warning, be sure the trading is supervised or else some one will think he has been "gyped" and one small boy who becomes dissatisfied can cause all kinds of trouble.

Auctions are always a source of interest if the group has a little money to spend.

An adult collector who is willing to display his collection and give a short talk will create much interest.

The best evening of entertainment for a small club is to dump out a pile of mixture on two or three tables and turn the members loose to sort and trade stamps. The only trouble is to find a good mixture, most of them that I have found contain too many common stamps and not enough variety. I would like very much to have a small source of unpicked on paper supply of U. S. mixture that I could dump out each month. I would be sure of good attendance at each meeting and the anticipation of the group in their hunt would make up for the price.

Mr. L. D. Peaslee submitted this idea, "Each member is supposed to prepare and mount one page of stamps for each meeting, i. e., a recent one was the 1922 issue of U. S. The sheet was made to cover all of the regular stamps of the regular issue. No attention was made of perforations or dates of issue. The members figured them up beginning with the ½c up to the $5.00 denomination, they counted 20 stamps standing upright and 8 lying on the side. Each member drew up a page to suit his own taste and then entered his stamps and traded for the ones he lacked."

I have tried this and added an assignment for the following week. I have each member try to find information pertaining to the stamps and report same at the next meeting.

More ideas will follow later and I will still appreciate hearing from you about your club. —Charles May,
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Indians Scared of Storm

Mr. David Hartley of Millington, N. J., writing under date of March 13, tells of the excessive hot weather early in March, and on one of those hot days he noted that the marathon runner on the 3c Olympic stamp had worked up such a sweat that the color was running from the bottom of the stamp, dripping off onto his 4-cent trans-Mississippi, where the Indians were hunting Buffalo. This made the sky cloud up so that the Indians gave up hunting the Buffalo and went back to their lodges, thinking a heavy storm was approaching.

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Mr. Hartley has duly qualified for the Philatelic Liars Club and a membership card will be mailed to him. The editor has received a great many applications for membership in the past month, but most of the applicants have overlooked the original rule for membership. Your stories must be short and preferably of less than 100 words. In instances where experts submit longer copy, some of these applicants will be approved, but brevity and originality are the first requirements. Much of the copy at hand thus far shows a great lack of originality and pure amateur work. We prefer to hear from the professionals. Address your letters to the Editor.

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—Montgomery Mulford.

Salvador — Newly Discovered Variety

Another variety of Scott's No. 189, of Salvador, has been found. This latest is the word "Territorial," misspelt "TerritUrial." This variety is, in our opinion, of at least equal importance as the one listed in the catalog as 189a.—(Emco Monthly Journal.)

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« Editorials »

STAMP CLUB FEDERATION It is not our intention to continue indefinitely on this subject. We believe in a National Federation of Stamp Clubs. Always have believed in it, and should be glad to lend our aid and assistance in bringing about such a federation. However, we differ with others in the manner in which this should be done, and our difference in belief is due solely to the reasons that we believe should be behind any federation of stamp clubs.

It is our belief that the benefit that can be had by individual collectors from a Federation of Stamp Clubs is of the most importance. We do not believe that a federation organized with the idea that the Federated Clubs can work wonders in improving conditions in Philately or that they can have any great influence on affairs at Washington, is of sufficient value to cause clubs to federate. Our reason for such belief is that we already have a National Organization which is composed of the cream of American Philatelists, an organization, which if an organization could exert any great National Influence, should be able to fill this bill. How any other organization, even a Federation of Local Clubs, can hope to do things which this National Society cannot do is more than we can understand.

Like Mr. Fennell, editor of the American Philatelist, we have always believed that the best method for banding collectors together for the common good, is through a National Society such as the American Philatelic Society.

The Editor has been a member of this Society for about 30 years. On many occasions we have urged and recommended others joining. We believe that for the common good of all that more can be done through such an organization.

On the other hand, we do not believe that the A. P. S. has operated in such a manner that it has given either its members or Philatelists as a whole the full measure of what could be done for them. Perhaps there is some reason for this. Perhaps the thought that the Society should accept a heavier burden than it has borne in the past, the burden of placing itself as the guiding spirit of Philately and Philatelists in America, in other words, broaden its scope of endeavor to include beneficial work for all stamp collectors, rather than feel that its obligations are only to its members. This thought alone might open up some new avenues that would greatly strengthen the society.

Our object behind a Federation of Stamp Clubs is for the direct benefit of the individual collector and the separate local clubs. So much good could be done for the individual and for many small local clubs that it seems selfish that the larger clubs do not share their good fortune with the smaller local clubs in contingent territory.

In the March 10 issue of STAMPS, Mr. Lindquist states that all plans for a Federation along plans such as we have suggested have failed. This statement we must challenge, for there are already several state or sectional federations which naturally must operate under some sort of constitution or agreement and some of which have been very successful, notably the Wisconsin and Southern California groups and now the New Jersey Federation has been formed.

It is the banding together of clubs closely situated to one another that will give the individual collector the greatest benefit and return. Such a federation of clubs will likewise benefit every club in the federation, for with clubs within a matter of 40 to 50 miles from one another, in these days of automobile transportation, it is nothing unusual for visits to be made in large groups, from one club to another. A further activity in this line is desirable. Following this, there could be held at least annually and in some localities semi-annual state meets. Meets of this nature would, in Ohio, bring together 300 to 400 collectors, a larger meeting than is held by our National Societies and as we have always said, one of the finest things about our National Societies is attending the annual conventions, but too often, but a small number can afford to attend these on account of the distance to be traveled and the time necessary and the expense.

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It is obvious that a constitution and rules for operation must be had by any organization, no matter how loosely formed. The proposed constitution and By-Laws as printed in a recent issue of this paper were merely offered as a basis on which to begin work. Nothing offered therein was offered with the view of cramming it down the throat of any collector or any club.

Mr. Lindquist states further that other efforts to form Federations have failed because the promoters have tried to foist plans which they themselves conceived and in which the individual clubs had no voice because they were not members at the time the plans were drawn up.

The paragraph above the last one refutes this accusation insofar as we are concerned, and the suggested Constitution and By-Laws clearly provides for any desired changes in same.

We would believe by Mr. Lindquist's remarks that he has no plan to offer, at least that is the thought we gather from his statement. Nothing can be formed without a plan to work with, and as we read farther in the March 10 issue of STAMPS we find Mr. Lindquist proposing a plan, and we naturally take it that this is his plan for the Federation is not yet formed. Thus you see, Harry, you are doing just what you accuse others of doing.

Regardless of whether there is a National Federation of Stamp Clubs, we feel certain that there will be state or sectional Federations solely because of the greater benefit that the individual collector and the individual club will get from such organizations.

Mr. Lindquist must have been seeing double when he read the proposed plans which we printed in our February 24 issue. He states that we suggest a fee of a dollar per year per member in each local club. Our copy of the paper names 50c as this figure, yet on the other hand, we feel satisfied that the State Group could operate on a fee as low as 10c per head As stated above, our proposed Constitution was merely offered as something to work on and it would be up to the clubs joining in any federation to revise and adopt it in a manner suitable to themselves.

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Mr. Southgate in MeKeels gives some real reasons why there are Batavia compounds available and makes a bid to stir a block from hiding. Will watch with interest his success, and wish him well. The explanation on the scarcity of No. 52 is also precise but the fact remains that the use of this type was limited and the large user discontinued.

Will the Kingsport discussion ever end? The Bee for March carries a new article on this elusive stamp by T. P. Johnson, and it certainly rings true. He has made every effort to put the facts down and makes no comment. The main item is that 20,000 were sold and the balance were returned to Washington. 9,925 were used on mail outside of the United States and mailed prior to December 8, 1931. So draw your own conclusions.

A nice letter and some help on corrections from Charles Mueller of Chicago, also a nice block. Thanks.

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Air Mail Routes:

At this writing the air mail routes are very uncertain — the President suspended service by the army planes, and a day or so later it was resumed on part of the routes—probably will remain in present condition until new legislation is enacted.

Donald Dickason, editor of the Standard Airpost Catalogue, says that the Army Flights will be given separate listing in the next edition, as directional coverage of the routes as now used for CAM'S.

S. K. Steinfeld, New Orleans, La., has nearly complete set of these covers.

Historical and Other Cachets

Polson, Montana, will dedicate airport soon, and W. D. Beideman, Box 693, offers to hold covers for the event.

Lancaster, Pa., airport dedication may be around May 1st, and E. F. Bauer, Jr., at Safe Harbor, Pa., will take care of covers for you.

On May 1st, 1934, the Admiral Dewey Chapter No. 8 of the U. S. C. S. will sponsor a fine printed cachet for Dewey Day. Covers will be mailed from ships. Send ready covers to L. H. Markley, 907 North 18th St., Harrisburg, Pa., to reach him by April 15th.

Louis G. Nix will handle covers for Easter Sunday cachet, April 1st. His address is 1312 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D. C.

Arthur A. Gilbert of Chicago, sends an interesting cover from Clockville, N. Y., bearing a cachet for 50th. Anniversary of Standard Time in U. S., on March 13th.

Aiglon had a printed cachet for First Anniversary of Long Beach earthquake on March 10th.

Life Scout I. S. Harrington of Needham Heights, Mass., is a cover collector and his father furnishes hand-drawn cachets for many of them, and on his correspondence.

There Is a Stratosphere Cover

Under the Air Mail section of your weekly on Dec. 16th, note a cover was seen at the Akron Open House which was carried into the Stratosphere. Don't know if there were any others carried.

Then on Dec. 22nd M. A. Campbell writes that Major Fordney tells him that no covers were carried in the Stratosphere Balloon S*113 on its recent Record breaking flight, etc.

Well I am glad to learn these facts for I am the proud possessor of this the only cover that was taken into the Stratosphere, it was taken up and endorsed across the end. This letter was taken into the Stratosphere 20 Nov. 1933. T. G. W. Settle, Lieut. Com., U. S. N. Mailed Air Mail in Washington, D. C., Nov. 22, at 11:00 A. M., reaching me on the 23rd. This was done as a personal courtesy to the writer and it is one that I shall esteem very highly and something that I am very proud to possess now that I feel it is the only one that was taken up for these men could have taken more for their friends if they so desired but evidently did not.

Trusting that my collector friends will now have no doubt in their minds that this is a genuine authentic cover, even if the S-113 did not officially carry mail.—C. M. Schnabel, Akron, Ohio.

New Editor for Airpost Catalog

It is my privilege as publisher of the Standard Airpost Catalog to announce that Mr. Samuel Ray of 1539 South Kolin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, has just been placed in entire editorial charge of the forthcoming and future editions. My own schedule has been such that I have not been able to give to this important task the time and attention which it should have.

Mr. Ray's wide collecting experience and his strong interest in aerophilatelic research I am sure will do much to improve and build up the Standard Catalog. In the future all correspondence referring to the editorial matters in connection with the Catalog should go direct to Mr. Ray.

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I Wonder Why?

By Capt. A. C. Townsend

Why is it that there is so much secrecy about stamps? Why do so many people conceal the fact that they have large and valuable collections? Why are "finds" buried and the information not given out for many years? And then only whispered around to a select few, until finally some one publishes it for the information of the collecting world.

It is natural for a dealer to act that way, I suppose, for he is in some fear of breaking the market, but why do collectors hide out? There are wealthy collectors here in my city (I am told) who buy thousands of dollars worth of stamps a year and who have notable collections, but they do not show them nor do they buy a dollar's worth here. Why?

A good many years ago in Washington a man died in an upper room across the street from the War Department. Clearing out the room a large roll of papers was found. It proved to contain hundreds of full sheets of War Department stamps the man had rolled up and put away when they went out of use. They were sold to a local man in a lump. To the best of my knowledge and belief, this is the first mention ever made of the fact in the stamp press, and all I know is that there were "hundreds of sheets."

A year or two ago able collectors tried to make a complete list of the covers bearing bisected 10c 1847s used as 5c stamps. They think that list is complete. I know of another perfect copy on cover, properly canceled and tied on. Now why didn't the owner tell of it and have it added to the list? I don't know, but it is his business, not mine.

Ever hear of almost a full sheet of the 7c Stanton of 1870, ungrilled? Very few people have. Yet years ago I saw it with my own eyes in the album of a collector.

You know the big "X" on the 10c 1847? I know a man who has an album page with a huge "X" filling it, made entirely on the 10c 1847. Why hasn't that page ever been put on display or written up?

And I know of another collector having 193 of the 90c 1869. Never saw them myself, but the man who mounted them for him told me the number. And I had never even heard the collector's name before, nor have I ever seen it mentioned in the stamp press. Perfectly all right for him to have the stamps—it was his money. But why not cackle a bit about them or display them at some stamp show?

With the great increase in stamp exhibits we are seeing more and more treasures, but believe me, buddy, there are more hidden away than there are being shown.

Nix, Mr. Hix

John Hix, who patterns after Mr. Ripley by printing brief remarks which he titles, "Strange as it May Seem", says "The Postage Stamp is not what you put on a letter to mail it, that is the postage label. The Postage Stamp correctly, though not popularly speaking, is the stamp which the Post Office puts over the label, it is what we call the postmark."

You are wrong, John, Strange as it May Seem.

Before postage stamps were invented and issued, the postage stamp was the mark that the postmaster placed on the letter to indicate prepayment of postage. You went to the postoffice, to mail your letter, paid the fee, when the postmaster would stamp the letter, indicating that the postage had been paid. This stamp therefore was the Postage Stamp. When stamps were put in use, the practice became such that in mailing a letter you bought a stamp, placed it on the letter and this stamp indicated payment of the postage. That this postage stamp might not be again used, the postmaster cancelled it with a handstamp, thus destroying its value for further use and when that practice became the law of the land, the status of the handstamp which was stamped upon the letter changed to a cancellation stamp rather than a postage stamp, and the stamp that indicated payment of postage and is therefore the Postage Stamp is the little gummed sticker that we all use to mail our letters with.

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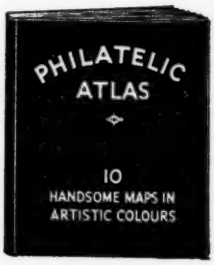

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New French Stamps Draw Fire of Critics

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New designs of French postage stamps were recently published in black and white in the Paris papers. With them is revealed the story of their making.

M. Mistier, the 35-year-old Minister of Posts, is an amateur artist and numbers among his friends many professional artists. He called these artists together, showed them piles of criticisms that the public had been showering upon the Ministry because of the alleged "atrocious" designs and "feeble" colors of the stamps in circulation, and bade them, in the name of "la patrie," to save the fair name of France as the centre of art. They responded, but their success is still problematical.

The large ten-franc stamp, designed by M. Daragnes, shows the city of Paris viewed from downstream, with the buildings slightly altered in their proportions in the interest of design. Le Journal des Debats asks indignantly if the artist really thinks the rose window of Notre Dame is visible from the Pont des Arts.

The prominence of the Paris police headquarters and of the Tribunal of Commerce on this stamp naturally causes a caustic reference to the Staviskey scandal; and the Gallic cock's indignant toss of the head on the fifty-centime stamp, designed by the well-known engraver M. Galanis, is thought to be comprehensible.

The forty-centime stamp, by M. Laboureur, shows the Eiffel Tower. That for 1 franc 50 centimes (foreign-letter rate) is by M. Daragnes. It shows a dove carrying an olive branch, a pleasing design which, however, is also criticized by realist observers of birds in flight.

The 1 franc 75 centimes stamp, by M. Chapdelain-Midy, makes a fine use of the Invalides dome.

The two-franc stamp, by M. Laboureur, shows a Breton river, and the three-franc stamp, by M. Decaris, the cloister of St. Trophine at Arles, and the five-franc stamp the well-known towers of Carcassonne.

The whole series is generally pronounced to be of much greater artistic interest than any stamps which have been published in France for some time past and compare well with the stamp issues of other countries.—New York Times.

Soaked Stamps and Lost a Wart

Reference to the use of Chlorax in water to soak stamps was made in the Broadway Chatter column of this paper about a year ago. Now comes word from Charles Knowlton of Fullerton, California, who tells of the use of this preparation, and after having finished a large batch of stamps, he discovered that a large wart on the second joint of the middle finger of his left hand had disappeared.

A further use of Chlorax in water by a neighbor resulted in the disappearance of a wart on the hand of a young girl.

Mr. Knowlton relates that he spoke of this happening to his physician, who said, "Why not try it on cancer?" Mr. Knowlton hopes to report the result of this treatment on cancer cases.

If you have a wart, try a couple tablespoonfuls of chlorax in a half gallon of water and hold your hand in it from time to time for several minutes. While this is not a medical journal, the case is interesting since it started with soaking stamps. We will be glad to hear of the result.

Sweden—Seapost

We have received a card mailed from the Swedish M/F Gripsholm, on her winter cruise to Naples, Alexandria, Bombay, Ceylon and Mombasa. A Sea Post Office was established aboard ship and mail cancelled "Sjopostexpedition 70". On the card in particular there was also a violet cachet in English "Posted on board M/F Gripsholm — Swedish Sea Post Office 70—Between Southampton and Cadiz."

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BAHAMAS—The new 1½p., noted in our issue of March 3rd, as being on order, has appeared. Scott's type A8, script wmk., printed in sheets of 60.

(R. Roberts)

CHILE—New Issues. Constitutional 1833-1933. Two values.

30c. red violet (Egana)
1.20p. blue (Tocornal)

(H. G. Spanton)

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC—Quantities issued of the two sets chronicled Feb. 3rd and Mar. 3rd were

1c. green —200,000
5c. brown —500,000
8c. blue —300,000

and of the provisional air mails, 20,000 of the 20c. on 1p. dark blue and olive bistre; and 10,000 each of the other three values.

(Philatelic Magazine)

FRENCH COLONIES—We have been shown a set of 6 Air Mails, labeled at the top "Alger—Tunis", but having no further data are unable to properly classify them. Each value is in two colors, upon colored paper. The first color noted is that of the value: 25c. carmine and green on yellow; 50c. carmine and black on green; 1fr. black and carmine on pink; 2fr. red and blue on light blue; 5fr. red and purple on violet; 10fr. red and dark brown on salmon.

(Norbert Gainey)

GERMANY — Colors of the new officials chronicled in our notes of Feb. 10th., are: 3pf. yellow brown; 4pf. dark blue; 5pf. emerald; 6pf. dark green; 8pf. vermillion; 10pf. chocolate; 12pf. carmine; 15pf. maroon; 20pf. pale ultramarine; 30pf. olive green; 40pf. magenta; and 50pf. orange.

(R. Roberts)

GERMANY—The 25pf. of the above set has evidently not yet appeared and we shall note its color upon its appearance.

INDIA—Travancore—Official. 3 chuckrams with overprint in RED instead of black, has been received..

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ITALIAN SOMALILAND — Parcel Post Stamps. Overprinted same as Scott's #652:

PP3—20L. purple

(R. Roberts)

ITALY—Postage Dues.—New type, small transverse oblong, printed on new Swiss paper with ribbed pattern impressed on gum. Wmk. crown, perf. 14. The design consists of the Arms of Italy in oblong frame with tablet "POSTE ITALIANE" at top and "SEGNATASSE" at foot. The word "CENT" is at left of Arms and the figure of value at right, all in one color. The Lire values are of similar design, the center Arms are a little larger and there are ornamental columns at each side, left and right:

5c. brown
10c. deep blue
20c. carmine
25c. green
30c. orange
40c. sepia
50c. purple
60c. steel blue
1L. orange
2L. green
5L. purple
10L. deep blue
20L. carmine

(R. Roberts)

KUWAIT — Values now appearing on the Mult. Star wmk. paper:

2a. red
3a. carmine

(Philatelic Magazine)

NEJD—(Saoudieh) — Succession Commemoratives, heralded in our issue of Aug. 19, 1933, under the new name for this country, have now appeared. The design consists of an oblong with the usual toughra at right, and in a panel at left the inscription "Royaume de l'Arabie Soudite": ¼g. green; ½g. red; 1½g. turquoise; 3g. blue-green; 3½g. ultramarine; 5g. orange; 10g. orange-red; 20g. violet; 30g. lilac; ¼sov. claret; ½sov. brown; 1sov. purple-brown.

(Philatelic Magazine)

PERU—Mr. F. H. Hawley advises us that the 1c. Official chronicled Nov. 11, 1933, was printed in 1931, same time as Scott's Nos. 276-282, but were only recently placed in use. He also advises that a 50c. value was supposed to have been printed at the same time, but as yet have not appeared. Scott's No. 552 and No. 554 were printed in 1931, same as the aforementioned stamps and not 1932 as listed by Scott's.

SARAWAK—New Issue, to appear in May, Portrait of Rajah Brooke. Approved colors are as follows, in the bi-colored stamps the head is in the first color: 1c. maroon; 2c. green; 3c. black; 4c. red-violet; 5c. mauve; 6c. carmine; 8c. brown; 10c. scarlet; 12c. blue; 15c. orange; 20c. green & carmine; 25c. violet & orange; 30c. brown & violet; 50c. violet & red; $1. red & brown; $2. violet & mauve; $3. carmine & green; $4. blue & scarlet; $5. carmine & brown; and $10. dark green & yellow.

(Philatelic Magazine)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—Federated Malay States.—Scott's A4, small format, script wmk., printed in sheets of 100, from plate No. 5:

$2.00 carmine & green on yellow

(R. Roberts)

SWEDEN—New Color. Perf. 10 vert.

A20—25 ore. bright ultramarine

(R. Roberts)

TRIPOLITANIA—Eighth Fair 1934. Photogravure printing, large upright and transverse oblongs. Wmk. crown, perf. 14, new ribbed paper same as described above for Italy, various pictorial designs.

Postage: 10c. brown; 20c. carmine; 25c. green; 30c. deep olive; 50c. purple; 75c. bright rose; 1.25L. deep blue.

Air Mail: 50c. blue; 75c. orange; 5L. plus 1L. blue green; 10L. plus 2L. purple; 25L. plus 3L. red brown.

Air Express: 2.25L. deep olive; 4.50L. plus 1L. black.

(R. Roberts)

URUGUAY—A new 3c. green has appeared, same type as Scott's A109, but having a portrait of RIVERA instead of ARTIGAS.

(H. G. Spanton)

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Precancels

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.
K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

The Precancel Stamp Society Year Book just arrived. This is a book given to members of the society each year, and records sales department and exchange department business, happenings at the last convention, etc. But the most valuable part is the list of names and addresses and the specialty of each collector. The Year Book is one of the many features the Precancel Stamp Society has to offer the collector, and the quality of the printing on this year's book is very good too. The books were mailed out by the secretary with a 1½c front view Harding from Walnut Creek, Calif., the type was U-121. If you wish to know more about the Society write to address at top of this column. We will be more than happy to serve you.

J. J. Coakley of Tampa, Fla., after sending a letter over the eastern U. S. then starting through the middle west finally though indirectly got to me a fine block of 1c Century of Progress of Tampa U-16 showing that the old plate is fast crumbling up. The stamps were from the right hand side of the sheet, and a block of 10, since the legend read up that would make the bottom of the plate come to this side, which revealed that three of the stamps were without the lower double lines and a fourth had only a trace. There were other minor breaks too all over the block, so I don't look for this plate to be used much longer, and I suppose a metal handstamp will be presented to the boys when they turn in the old plate. Mr. Coakley enclosed a couple of interesting government envelopes too. One from West Palm Beach, the other from Tampa, both on large size envelopes. And now J. J. and to all of you who are sceptical there is a BALTIMORE, OHIO.

V. G. Roberts of Muskogee, Okla., submitted a fine lot of unlisted Bi-Cents from out his way. All the low values thru the 2c both normal and invert from the home town in U-120; Okamulgee ½c and 2c nor. and invt. in U-120; Sallisaw ½c, 1½c, nor. and invert and 2c Normal in U-120; Poteau ½c and 1½c nor. and invert. in U-122; Ft. Smith, Ark. ½c, 1½c, and 2c nor. and invert in U-48.

John Wilson, from up in York state, submitted a few nice items too. A 5c Olympic from Macon, Ga., U-12. An NRA of Tonawanda, N. Y., U-77 down and a Wm. Penn from Lansing, Ill., U-120. Also an old classic, a Providence, R. I., No. 4 which is the 3c '95 issue. The number is according to the 1930 catalog.

Two new commemoratives in the offing. Don' hesitate to let me see them. Your fellow collector in some part of the country will be glad to know about them. Am especially interested in the printed or electrotypes, though any type will be gratefully appreciated and returned promptly.

With my feet in a wash tub of steaming water, typewriter on my knees, ice pack on my head, you have a picture of the difficulty under which I labored to get out the above notes. So, if your answers are a little slow, you will know the reason.

Australia—Forgeries

The forger has turned his attention towards the recent Official stamps and most, if not all, values are to be found with counterfeit "O. S." overprints. We have been shown specimens of the 2p. & 3p. Kingsford Smith values thus forged. The main features of this forgery are (1) the type of "O. S." in use for the King's Heads and Kangaroos has been copied and not that employed for the oblong Commemoratives and the 6p. Air Mail; that is: the inner circle of the "O" is shorter and wider than in the originals of the Commemoratives and the Air Mail. Also the following test is particularly good for forgeries of the oblong stamps: (2) the ink is black to grayish black, there is practically no shine and the impression is relatively soft. In the originals a shiny intense black was used and the impression was sharp. (3) The base of the "S" is markedly above the level of the base of the "O". In the originals there is no such divergence. (4) The "S" has a marked flattening in the outer line at the top left that is not found
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By BI STANDER

Ed Wynn was asked a question on the radio on March 6th as to whether it was true that Jimmy Durante was running for President. "No," he said, "that was impossible for they'll never get his nose on a three-cent stamp."

We hear that H. Worth, formerly associated with Louis Weissmann, at 87 Nassau St., has gone in with M. Meghrig at the same address. Both are established dealers.

Over the grapevine we gather that Herman (Toasty) Toastpern is or will be married shortly. Congratulations, "Toasty." If there is anybody in New York who knows his 19th century stamps that one is the only "Toasty."

The Fordham Stamp Company, formerly located at Fordham Road, Bronx, has moved to Room 810, at 1476 Broadway. There are now three dealers in this building located on the corner of Broadway and 42nd Street, namely, the Acme Stamp Company, Arthur O. Litt, and now the Fordham Stamp Company.

It is nice to hear of the good fortune of others, even though we cannot have a hand in it ourselves, but M. C. B. Hart, located at 2487 Broadway, while going through a collection he had recently purchased, found stamps that had many interesting and valuable errors, including shades.

If one is looking for sets and first day covers, the Metro Stamp Company, of 1482 Broadway, has just issued a list and will send it to collectors.

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